

Workingmen's Houses,  
Eliza Doyle House  
376 Southern Avenue  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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**PHOTOGRAPHS  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Site Location: 376 Southern Avenue  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 1.60  
Cadastral grid : SW1/4 NE1/4 S36 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691740.4705735  
Lot dimensions : 35'x 85': .07 acre  
Lot description: North 102' of West 10' of Lot 2  
and North 104' of East 1/2 of  
Lot 3 of Newman's Addition

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation  
Present Usage: vacant  
Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: original 1-story house: 16'x 32'; rear addition: 22'x 21'.  
Orientation : northwest  
Architectural Plan type : rectangular, one-story.  
Description: Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.  
Structure : wood frame  
Ext. walls: wide-exposure aluminum siding installed over  
beveled wood siding.  
Roofs : front-gabled, shallowly pitched roof, without  
overhangs.  
Chimneys : one corbeled brick interior chimney.  
Dormers : none  
Windows : painted wood 2/2 double-hung with plain casings  
and slip sills; 3 bays on facade.  
Openings : single-leaf front door placed centrally on  
facade; door on rear of northeast facade.  
Porches : concrete pad at front entrance, covered by  
metal awning with wood fascia and wooden  
brackets, cantilevered metal awning.  
Details : none

Construction Date : c.1887

Architecture Style: Shotgun

Physical History : Edward Smyth platted a residential subdivision on the south side of Southern Avenue in 1874. In 1887 he sold one residential lot in the development to Eliza Doyle for \$50, and Doyle probably constructed this modest house soon thereafter. She held the property until selling it in 1895 to Oliver G. Kringle, who in turn sold it a year later to William and Mary Garrett. Over the next ten years, the house was occupied by a series of short-term owners and tenants. In 1906 Michael and Elizabeth Duggan purchased

the property and lived here until their deaths - Michael sometime after 1916 and Elizabeth in 1938. Probably never architecturally distinguished, the building has undergone extensive alterations and additions. Its footprint was almost doubled by a rear addition, the roof overhangs have been sheared at the wall surfaces, the roof has been sheathed with asphalt shingles, the front porch has been replaced and the exterior walls have been covered with aluminum siding.

**Significance:** The Eliza Doyle House contributes to the historical feelings and association of this working class neighborhood.

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